

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp enclosed for answer.)

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Sowing Timothy.

Campbell County.

"I want to sow six-

teen acres of strong

Stanton River bot-

tom land in timo-

thy, but as we have

such a heavy

growth of crab

grass each year on

our river bottoms

am afraid it will

kill out the timothy

before it gets

strong. In order

to get a crop from

the land this year,

what do you think

of sowing the land

in German millet

this spring, and, af-

ter it is cut, disk

the land and seed

the timothy, or would

it be as well to

sow the timothy with

the millet? The

millet is a hot weather

crop, and should

not be sown till June,

and even then, if

cut at the right stage,

or when the heads are

in bloom, it will

be rather early for

the grass sowing.

You can make a

far better hay crop

by sowing in June half

of black cowpeas and

half a bushel of

Maumouth Yellow

soy beans an acre,

and these will come

out just in time

for sowing the timothy

in the fall, and you

will get a heavy crop

of hay then. Then, in

sowing timothy, always

sow some red top

or heads grass, as

well as the timothy,

as this will give the

grass more bottom

and make better

hay.

Fertilizing Cotton.

North Carolina. "I would like to know if it is best to apply fertilizer for cotton broadcast or all in the furrows? Will use 1,000 pounds an acre on cotton this spring." Using so heavy an application, it should not all be in the furrows. In fact, I would never put all in the furrows, even with a lighter application, for the roots of cotton spread clear across the rows, and will get away from that in the furrows, and getting into poorer soil, will begin to shed, and the cotton will be put about 200 pounds in the furrows an acre and spread the remainder broadcast down the middles, and then you will need no summer side dressing.

Sowing Grass-Cattle for Feeding. Mecklenburg County: "I have a large body of low ground on which cattle are grazing. I wish to sow this land in a mixture of Randall grass, timothy, red top and Alsike clover. Would it be better to wait till the oats are off and then prepare the land for grass, or can it be sown on the oats?"

"I wish to buy a carload of cattle this fall or possibly more, to feed during the winter. Can you tell me roughly what two-year-olds of desirable quality should cost per head? How long should the feeding period last? Could I hope to make the mature clear at least in feeding these if I use ensilage and cottonseed meal, having to buy the meal?"

"You can make a better stand of grass by putting the land in whippoorwill peas as soon as the oats are off. Then cut the peas for hay, and then disk the land fine and sow the grass seed in October. But I would if the grass is intended for hay, leave out the Randall grass, as that will be too early a grass to mix with timothy and would sow the timothy and red top and the clover only. If for pasture, the Randall grass, which the Western people call English blue grass, will make this pasture."

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VOTING CLAUSE IS MADE PLAIN

Assistant Attorney-General Decides Who May Vote in State-Wide Election.

OPINION SENT TO GOVERNOR

Amendments to Act Result in Conflicting Provisions as to Registration.

In an opinion delivered to Governor Henry C. Stuart yesterday, Assistant Attorney-General C. B. Garnett defined exactly who may vote in the State-wide prohibition election, to be held on the fourth Tuesday in September, 1914. The bill as introduced by Judge Martin Williams, of the Supreme Court, amended, an extended amendment in regard to suffrage being put in the bill by Senator Tavenner, and the act finally approved appears to have conflicting provisions as to general vote. The effort was to so draw this provision of the bill as to prevent the adding to the registration books of the ignorant and shiftless element, which it was sought to exclude under provisions of the new Constitution. The crux of the opinion is that any person who has paid poll taxes or is otherwise qualified may register at any time up to thirty days before the September special election. Mr. Garnett has had the matter under consideration since March 20, and has gone over a wide range of authorities.

Text of Opinion.
The opinion follows in full: His Excellency, Henry C. Stuart, Governor of Virginia, Richmond.
Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of March 20, in regard to the construction of the enabling act, I beg leave to submit the following:

The specific question which you put is whether persons who have complied with the provisions of section 4 of said act, but who have not yet registered, may register and vote in the election to be held in September. The qualifications of voters at any election held under this act shall be such as are prescribed for voters by the general law. Provided the following persons only shall be qualified to vote at such election, namely: (1) All persons who were qualified to vote at the regular November election, 1913, and all other persons who are otherwise qualified and have personally paid, at least six months prior to the second Tuesday in June of the year 1914, the poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during three years next preceding the year 1914 (i. e., during 1912, 1913, 1914); and all such other persons who shall become of lawful age at a time when no capitation tax was assessable against them for the year 1913, and shall thereafter register by reason of becoming of lawful age prior to the date herein fixed for the holding of said election.

As many questions are coming to this office involving the construction of this act, I think it proper to give you an analysis thereof, which will not only answer the question put by you, but which may be used to answer other questions which have come to this office, and in which there seems to be general interest.

Section quoted provides that the qualifications of voters at the election in September shall be such as are prescribed by general law, and further provides that the following persons shall be qualified to vote at such election: (1) All persons who were qualified to vote at the regular November election, 1913. (2) All other persons who are (a) otherwise qualified and (b) have personally paid, at least six months prior to the second Tuesday in June, 1914 (i. e., before December 9, 1913), all poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during three years next preceding the year 1914 (i. e., during 1912, 1913, 1914). (3) All such (c) other persons who shall become of lawful age at a time when no capitation tax was assessable against them for the year 1913, and shall thereafter register by reason of becoming of lawful age prior to the date herein fixed for the holding of said election.

Taken up each of these classes in detail, I will discuss them in their order.

"I. All persons who were qualified to vote at the regular November election, 1913." This class includes: (1) Old soldiers on the permanent list required by section 19 of the Constitution, whether they have paid their poll taxes or not, and whether or not they voted at the November election, 1913. (2) All persons on said permanent list who, at least six months prior to the November election, 1913, had paid all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during 1912, 1913, and 1914, whether such persons actually voted or not at the November election, 1913. (3) All other persons who have registered and had, at least six months prior to the November election, 1913, paid all the State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during 1912, 1913, and 1914, whether such persons

would or would not have paid their poll taxes, and whether or not they voted at the November election, 1913. (4) All persons on said permanent list who, at least six months prior to the November election, 1913, had paid all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during 1912, 1913, and 1914, whether such persons actually voted or not at the November election, 1913. (5) All persons on said permanent list who, at least six months prior to the November election, 1913, had paid all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during 1912, 1913, and 1914, whether such persons actually voted or not at the November election, 1913. (6) All persons on said permanent list who, at least six months prior to the November election, 1913, had paid all State poll taxes assessed or assessable against them during 1912, 1913, and 1914, whether such persons actually voted or not at the November election, 1913. 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